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Melton Point  
Quaker Neck  
1st half 19th Century

Melton Point is located northeast of Quaker Neck Landing. A peninsula extending into the Chester River, it encompasses 100 acres called Skinner's Marsh, patented to Andrew Skinner in 1670.<sup>1</sup> Samuel Milton had the tract resurveyed in 1735 for 115 acres.<sup>2</sup> Samuel's surname was given to the tip of the peninsula. Today's spelling is a corruption of its original name. Adjacent the Milton tract is a larger tract called Stratford Manor, one of a handful of manors in Kent County. Stratford was a 1000 acre tract patented to Richard Chandler in 1660.<sup>3</sup> In 1735, it was repatented to George Garrett, who began selling off farms immediately after the resurvey.<sup>4</sup>

On the portion of the farm called Melton Point there are two old outbuildings which survived the house fire of 1964. One is a shingle covered barn, similar in form to the old barn on Fancy Farm. This one, however, has one side with open leanto and small one leaf door and probably dates from the 1st half of the 19th century. The second is a two-story, ten-foot-square dairy dating from the end of the 19th century and similar to a pump house in Still Pond. Both are good examples of traditional service buildings from their respective periods.

James P. deCorse is the owner listed in the 1852 Tax Assessment, as well as in the 1877 Atlas.

1. Quaker Neck Map.
2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid.

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